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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1-102 (canceled).

103 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein said imaging sensor comprises a two-dimensional pixelated array of light sensing photosensor elements, said array of sensing elements being formed on a semiconductor substrate.

104 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein said imaging sensor is positioned in the interior of the vehicle at or near said interior rearview mirror assembly and has a field of view forward and through a windshield of the vehicle.

105 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein said imaging sensor comprises first and second imaging arrays, said rain sensor control being operable to control at least one of a windshield wiper of the vehicle and a defogging system of the vehicle in response to an output from said first imaging array and said headlamp control being operable to control a headlamp of the vehicle in response to an output from said second imaging array.

106 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 105, wherein said first imaging array is positioned at a housing for a center high mounted stop lamp of the vehicle, said first imaging array having a field of view through a rear window of the vehicle to the exterior of the vehicle.

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107 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 105, wherein said second imaging array is positioned in the interior of the vehicle at or near said interior rearview mirror assembly, said second imaging array having a field of view forward and through a windshield of the vehicle.

108 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein at least a portion of said electronic circuitry is included on a printed circuit board.

109 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein said electronic circuitry includes at least one of a remote keyless entry receiver, a microphone, a digital voice recorder, a vehicle status indicator and a display element.

110 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein said electronic circuitry is associated with a display element.

111 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 110, wherein said display element comprises at least one of a vehicle status display, a blind spot indicator display, a compass display, a temperature display, a tire inflation status display, a passenger side inflatable restraint status display, an automatic rain sensor display, a telephone dial information display, and a highway status information display.

112 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 110, wherein said display element provides at least two display functions.

113 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 112, wherein said display element may be selectively operable to provide one of said at least two display functions.

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114 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 113, wherein said display element may be selectively switched between said at least two display functions in response to at least one of a voice command, a user input, a timing device and a vehicle status change.

115 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein the window comprises a windshield of the vehicle, said control being operable to control a headlamp of the vehicle in response to a level of light present at the windshield.

116 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein said rain sensor control is operable to process the image data to detect water droplets at the exterior surface of the window and fog particles at the interior surface of the window.

117 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 116, wherein said rain sensor control is operable to control a window wiper of the vehicle in response to a detection of the presence of water droplets at the exterior surface of the window and to control a defogging system of the vehicle in response to a detection of the presence of fog particles at the interior surface of the window.

118 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein said rain sensor control is operable to detect water droplets at an exterior surface of the window, said rain sensor control being operable to control a window wiper of the vehicle in response to said detection of water droplets at the exterior surface of the window.

119 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 118, wherein said rain sensor control is operable to adjust a rate of wipe of the window wiper of the vehicle.

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120 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 119, wherein said rain sensor control is operable to adjust the rate of wipe in response to a quantity of the water droplets sensed at the exterior surface of the window.

121 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 119, wherein the window wiper comprises a windshield wiper of the vehicle, said rain sensor control being operable to control a rear window wiper of the vehicle.

122 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 121, wherein said rain sensor control is operable to control said rear window wiper in response to said detection of water droplets at the exterior surface of the windshield.

123 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 122, wherein said rain sensor control causes said rear window wiper to cycle for every N cycles of said windshield wiper, wherein N is greater than one.

124 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 123, wherein the value of N varies as a function of the speed of said windshield wiper.

125 (canceled).

126 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein said illumination device is at least occasionally activated.

127 (currently amended): An interior rearview mirror system suitable for use in a vehicle, said interior rearview mirror system comprising:

an interior rearview mirror assembly adapted for attachment to an interior portion of the vehicle, said interior rearview mirror assembly comprising an electrochromic reflective element;

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electronic circuitry operable to control said electrochromic reflective element;
an imaging sensor positioned with a field of view through a window of the vehicle, said imaging sensor comprising a plurality of light sensing photosensor pixels;
an illumination device for illuminating at least a portion of the field of view of said imaging sensor, wherein said imaging sensor is operable to sense a level of ambient light present at the window, said illumination device being activated in response to said imaging sensor sensing low light conditions;
an image processor for processing image data captured by said imaging sensor, said image processor applying a digital filtering process to account for irregularities of the window in the field of view of said imaging sensor, and wherein said digital filtering process smoothes said image data by adjusting values associated with individual pixels based on values associated with respective neighboring pixels at or adjacent or near said individual pixels;
a rain sensor control responsive to the processed image data, said rain sensor control being operable to control at least one of a windshield wiper of the vehicle and a defogging system of the vehicle in response to the processed image data;
a headlamp control responsive to the processed image data, said headlamp control being operable to control a headlamp of the vehicle in response to the processed image data; and
wherein said rain sensor control and said headlamp control at least one of (a) access a common component of said electronic circuitry, and (b) share a common component of said electronic circuitry.

128 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein said headlamp control is operable to control a headlamp of the vehicle in response to said imaging sensor sensing low light conditions.

129 (canceled).

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130 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein said imaging sensor comprises one of a CMOS or a CCD sensor.

131 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127 including a polarizing filter at said imaging sensor, said polarizing filter being at least occasionally positionable between said imaging sensor and the window, said polarizing filter being operable to attenuate light.

132 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein said rain sensor control is operable to apply an edge detection algorithm to said outputs to detect edges of rain droplets on a surface of the window.

133 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein at least one of said rain sensor control and said headlamp control is operable to apply said digital filtering process to the image data to reduce the effects of scratches on the window of the vehicle in the field of view of said imaging sensor.

134 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 105, wherein said first imaging array comprises a two-dimensional pixelated array of light sensing photosensor elements, said array of sensing elements being formed on a semiconductor substrate, and wherein said second imaging array comprises a two-dimensional pixelated array of light sensing photosensor elements, said array of sensing elements being formed on a semiconductor substrate.

135 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 105, wherein said rain sensor control controls a windshield wiper of the vehicle in response to sensing of the presence of water droplets at the exterior surface of the windshield by said first imaging array.

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136 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 105, wherein said rain sensor control controls a defogging system of the vehicle in response to sensing of the presence of fog particles at the interior surface of the windshield by said first imaging array.

137 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 105, wherein said electronic circuitry includes at least one of a remote keyless entry receiver, a microphone, a digital voice recorder, a vehicle status indicator and a display element.

138 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 105, wherein said electronic circuitry is associated with a display element.

139 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 138, wherein said display element comprises at least one of a vehicle status display, a blind spot indicator display, a compass display, a temperature display, a tire inflation status display, a passenger side inflatable restraint status display, an automatic rain sensor display, a telephone dial information display, and a highway status information display.

140 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 105, wherein said rain sensor control is operable to process said first output to detect water droplets at the exterior surface of the windshield and fog particles at the interior surface of the windshield.

141 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 105, wherein said rain sensor control is operable to adjust the rate of wipe of a windshield wiper of the vehicle in response to a quantity of the water droplets sensed at the exterior surface of the windshield.

142 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 105, wherein said first and second imaging arrays are positioned at said interior rearview mirror assembly.

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143 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 142, wherein at least one of said first and second imaging arrays is positioned within said interior rearview mirror assembly.

144 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 142, wherein at least one of said first and second imaging arrays is positioned within a module attached to a mirror structure.

145 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 142, wherein both of said first and second imaging arrays are positioned within said interior rearview mirror assembly.

146 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 105, wherein said first imaging array is decoupled from the window.

147 (previously presented): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 105, wherein said first imaging array comprises a first CMOS imaging array positioned in the interior of the vehicle and with a field of view through the windshield to the exterior of the vehicle, and wherein said second imaging array comprises a second CMOS imaging array positioned in the interior of the vehicle and with a field of view through the windshield to the exterior of the vehicle.

148 (new): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 127, wherein said digital filtering process smoothes said image data by adjusting the values of said individual pixels by averaging values of adjacent pixels adjacent to said individual pixel and within a sub-array of pixels.